

A Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of adjusting relative value of implemented computer configuration changes, the method comprising:

identifying computer configuration changes in a computer system;

obtaining performance metrics for the computer system before and after computer configuration changes implemented in the computer system; and

assessing effectiveness of the computer configuration changes based on the obtained performance metrics.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising increasing priority values for computer configuration changes resulting in performance improvements, the priority values being used for priority of the computer configuration changes in future recommendation sets.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising classifying computer configuration changes not resulting in performance improvements as secondary recommendations in future recommendation sets.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising removing computer configuration changes not resulting in performance improvements from future recommendation sets.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising summarizing recommended actions identified for a computer user, configuration changes implemented, and the resulting change in performance.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a report with performance trends on a plurality of computer systems where recommended configuration changes are not implemented.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing computer metrics on the computer system and proposing configuration changes based on the analysis of computer metrics.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining performance metrics for the computer system before and after computer configuration changes comprises accessing stored computer metrics in a database.

9. (Original) A system comprising:

hardware components in a computer system;

installed software in the computer system;

configuration settings indicating configuration conditions for the hardware components and the installed software; and

programmed instructions configured to:

identify implemented configuration changes in the computer system;

collect performance metrics associated with the computer system having the identified implemented configuration changes; and

weight effectiveness of the identified implemented configuration changes.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising programmed instructions configured to analyze the computer system and propose configuration changes based on the analysis.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the proposed configuration changes are prioritized based on weighted effectiveness.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising programmed instructions configured to provide reports on implemented configuration changes.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein proposed configuration changes with low weighted effectiveness are removed from a recommendation set.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the computer system is one of a plurality of computer systems coupled to a common network.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the configuration changes identified correspond to configuration change proposals established based on performance analysis of identified configuration changes in other computer systems in the plurality of computer systems coupled to the common network.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein configuration change proposals have a priority based on the weighted effectiveness of the identified implemented configuration changes.

17. (Previously Presented) A system for adjusting relative value of implemented configuration changes on computer systems in a network, the system comprising:

means for obtaining configuration information for the computer systems in the network;

means for obtaining performance data for the computer systems in the network;

means for recommending configuration changes to one of the computer systems in the

network;

means for obtaining performance data for the one of the computer systems after implementation of recommended configuration changes; and

means for adjusting relative value of the recommended configuration changes based on an evaluation of the performance data after implementation of recommended configuration changes.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein configuration changes are recommended based on relative value where high value indicates performance improvement based on the configuration changes.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising means for reporting relative value of the recommended configuration changes.

20. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising eliminating a configuration change from a recommendation set where the configuration change has a low relative value.